

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A tensioner for a belt of a drive of a motor vehicle, comprising:

a first and a second idle pulleys designed to co-operate with respective belt runs of said belt;
a first arm bearing said first idle pulley, said first arm being hinged about a mobile axis;
a second arm hinged to said first arm about the mobile axis and bearing said second pulley;
elastic means acting at least indirectly on said arms for tensioning said belt and a mobile element distinct from said first and second arm and mobile during ~~functioning operation~~, said mobile axis being substantially perpendicular to and carried by said mobile element, said mobile element changing positions in reaction to changes in tensioning action on the belt runs, said positions being determined by an equilibrium caused by said changes in tensioning action.

2. (Previously Presented) The tensioner according to Claim 1, characterized in that said mobile element is hinged about a fixed axis.

3. (Previously Presented) The tensioner according to Claim 1, characterized in that said elastic means are carried on said mobile element.

4. (Previously Presented) The tensioner according to Claim 1, characterized in that said elastic means co-operate with one of said arms and with said mobile element.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The tensioner according to Claim 1, characterized in that [[it]]the tensioner comprises arrest elements co-operating with said arms for limiting opening of said arms with respect to one another.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (New) A belt drive tensioner comprising:
first and second pulleys operating with a belt running over the pulleys;
a mobile element including a first end portion rotatable about a fixed axis at a hinge and a second end portion opposite to the first end portion, the second end portion being rotatable about a mobile axis;
a first arm rotatably coupled to said mobile element about the mobile axis, said first pulley being mounted on the first arm;
a second arm rotatably coupled to said first arm and to said mobile element about the mobile axis, said second pulley being mounted on the second arm; and
elastic means acting at least indirectly on said arms to generate a tensioning force;
said mobile element changing positions in reaction to changes in tensioning action on the belt, said positions being determined by an equilibrium caused by said changes in tensioning action.